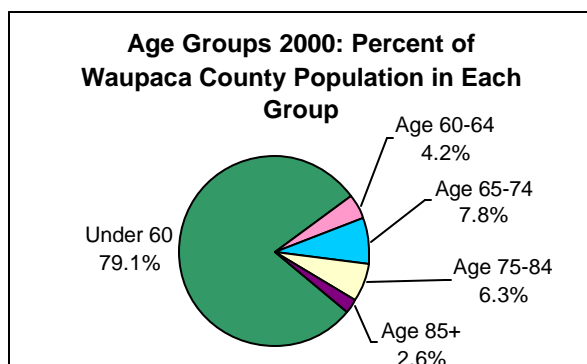

Waupaca County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Waupaca County is higher than that of the state as a whole (16.7% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (5.8% versus 7.9%). In all, 8,626 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,352 of these are age 85 or older. Waupaca County's average (or median) age is 38.5 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

| Waupaca County: Population and Change Since 1990 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| | 2000 Census | | 1990 Census | | Change: 1990-2000 | |
| | Number | % of Total | Number | % of Total | Number | % Change |
| Total, All Ages | 51,731 | | 46,104 | | 5,627 | 12.2% |
| Persons 60 and over | 10,790 | 20.9% | 10,265 | 22.3% | 525 | 5.1% |
| Persons 65 and over | 8,626 | 16.7% | 8,153 | 17.7% | 473 | 5.8% |
| Persons 85 and over | 1,352 | 2.6% | 1,173 | 2.5% | 179 | 15.3% |



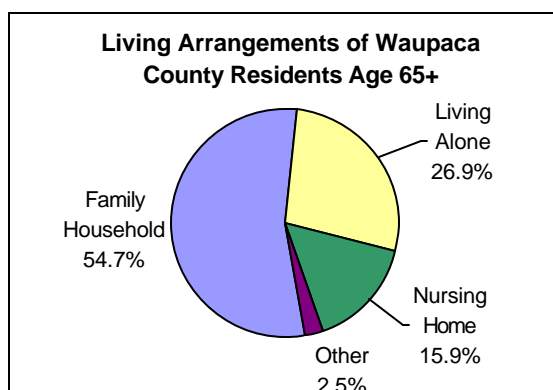
Race:

A large majority (99.4%) of Waupaca County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Waupaca County African Americans have a median age of 17.2 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.8 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 19,863 households in Waupaca County, 5,246 include at least one person age 65 or older (26.4% of all households). A total of 4,932 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 75.7% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (54.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 26.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.1% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 1,371 people age 65 and older live in Waupaca County nursing homes (15.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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